

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the latest Office Action, claims 1-4 and 7-10 were rejected. On the basis of the following remarks, consideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Claims 7-9 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,704,196 to Rodriguez et al., and claims 1-4 were rejected as made obvious by Rodriguez in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,034,870 to Osborn et al. Applicant traverses these rejections on the basis that Rodriguez is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Rodriguez does not qualify as prior art under § 102(e) because the claimed subject matter was invented before Rodriguez's effective date of July 25, 2002. Although there is no claim to foreign priority in this application, Applicant's prior invention is shown in Taiwan Application No. 091201233, filed February 4, 2002. The disclosure of this Taiwan application was filed on March 20, 2003, as U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/456,643. To antedate Rodriguez, Applicant submits herewith a declaration and supporting exhibit pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

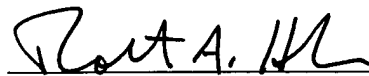
Based on the foregoing, the application is in condition for allowance of all claims, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes for any reason direct contact would help advance the prosecution of this case to allowance, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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